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<small>154-38004 (Dominican) 15-30300 (U.S. sources)</small>	
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<small>1. (C) Letter from G.M. General of War Materials to Mr. Horacio Henriquez dated 21 Apr 70, No. 115 2. (U) Authorization from Secretary of State for Arms Forces dated 7 May 1970, No. 10521</small>	
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belts and make do with the modernization afforded the 1st Bde and later the 9th Bn by USMAC. They did receive some 400 - 500 FAL rifles in 1968 through a barter arrangement with Interarmco, Alexandria, Virginia. However no major arms purchases have been made since the '65 Revolution, although several unsuccessful attempts were made by U.S. and other Arms dealers periodically to sell various weapons systems, i.e., FAL, Stoner, AR18's, etc. Each time the actual arms bids were boosted 10% by whoever was promoting the "deal"; in the old Trujillo manner.

2. ~~Speculators~~

a. Mr. Sam Camins, President of Interarmco, Monaco, made his start following W.W. II selling surplus war materials to Trujillo. The "Old Dominican Colonels" still remember both with affection and greed. Much of the Army is still equipped with this Interarmco surplus (tanks, armored cars, artillery, machine guns, mortars, etc.). His agent still has let chance at any bartering and selling.

b. Mr. Irving Davidson, Washington, D.C., is another power in Dominican selling circles and much quoted on any type speculation. He is considered the top contact in the U.S. by Dominican dealers.

c. Mr. Leland P. Johnston, Minerals Industries, G por A, is a mining claims speculator in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC but has worked in armament sales during the Trujillo era.

d. Mr. Karl W. Lange, Vice President of Santiago, Inc., Clayton, Missouri and Mr. Fernando Peguero, his Dominican partner, are active in land, hotel and arms speculation (AR 18 sales). The Peguero's (father and 2 brothers) are well connected politically, financially, and socially in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

e. Mr. Herman Henriquez Lora and his brother are arms agents for Interarmco, Dutch and other U.S. concerns (AR 18, Stoner, FAL, etc.). They are personal friends of President BALAGUER and General PEREZ y Perez and associates.

3. ~~FAL Cal 7.62mm (NATO) Rifles Available.~~ Enclosure 1 from Air Force Colonel Felipe ENRÍQUEZ Pardono, Quartermaster General of War Materials for the Dominican Armed Forces, states that his sources have located some 2500 FAL rifles for sale in a NATO depot, 35 miles south of Hamburg, Germany. The rifles to sell at \$90.00 (U.S.) each there, or \$95.00 (U.S.) each, CIF, Santo Domingo. He wants to go to Germany to verify the information and to return with 2 samples.

4. ~~Enclosure 2 from Merix A.G. of Germany, through SIDEM Import/Export, who German Embassy in Santo Domingo put their seal on this importation authorization and the Arms Agent departed Santo Domingo for U.S. and later Germany on 9 May 1970.~~

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REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA
SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS
SANTO DOMINGO, D. N.

"TODO POR LA PATRIA"
7 de mayo de 1970.

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A U T O R I Z A C I O N

En base a lo que me confiere el artículo 3ro. de la Ley 36 de fecha 17-10-65 sobre Comercio, Porte y Tenencia de Armas, autorizo al señor FERNAN HERNÁNDEZ, Cédula Personal de Identidad No. 2202 Serie Ira., dominicano, mayor de edad, residente en la calle 19 de marzo No.56 (altos), Santo Domingo, D.N., a importar para las Fuerzas Armadas de la República Dominicana, las siguientes propiedades de armas, en calidad de muestra:

- 1.- Fusil "Pal Cal. 7.62, culata y espumadera de madera y cubre iluminada;
- 1.- Cargadores de (20) cápsulas cada uno;
- 2.- Porta-cargadores de lona, de dos cargadores cada uno;
- 1.- Bipode para el fusil;
- 1.- Correa de lona para el fusil;
- 1.- Rollenador de cargadores; y
- 1.- Equipo de limpieza básico (una acciarterita).

Las armas obtendrá de la MEXIK I.G. de Alemania, y/o SIDIM INTERNACIONAL.

Manuel Pérez
MANUEL PÉREZ Y PÉREZ,
Major General, R. N.
Secretario de Estado de las Fuerzas Armadas.

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21 de abril de 1970.

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Señor
Hernán Henríquez
Coral Gables, Florida,
U. S. A.

Estimado Señor Henríquez:

Me complace mucho informarle, que he recibido toda la información por escrito, que me envió con el Dr. MARINO RIZA.

Sobre los Fusiles FAL Cal.7.62 (NATO), tengo a bien informarle, que el domingo 19 de abril de 1970, hemos recibido la siguiente información, confirmada y ratificada, de manera que no deje lugar para dudar a malos entendidos entre esta oficina y la fuente informante, de todo crédito, en base a documentos. La información que se nos dió es la siguiente; muy confidencial. "La NATO, está reduciendo sus fuerzas considerablemente, lo que da como resultado a que las armas que esas fuerzas usaban sean reintegradas a los depósitos de la NATO y están siendo puestas en venta a precio atractivo, siendo su estado como nuevas; estas armas se encuentran en la actualidad en un depósito de la WADQ 35 milias al Sur de HAMBURGO, Alemania; pudiendo ser embarcadas por el mismo puerto Hamburgo directo a Santo Domingo. Entre las armas se encuentran a disponibilidad (3,500) Fusiles FAL Cal.7.62 (NATO) culata de madera a un precio de almacén de US\$90.00, siendo sueldo CIF Santo Domingo de US\$95.00".

Esto indudablemente, parece coincidir con respecto a la partida de armas, a las mismas que usted nos refiere; nosotros nos apresuramos a ponerlo a su conocimiento tal información a fin de que usted la utilice. Esto ha despertado tanto interés en la Superioridad, que estaban pensando en que yo mismo viaje a Alemania, con nuestra fuente informante a fin de verificar de la partida y apresurar en cuanto sea necesario esta transacción. Hasta tu, bajo ningún concepto, que nos dejarlo fuera de esta transacción (instrucciones superiores) y es por eso que le estoy enviando

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21 de abril de 1970.

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do esta información cuando antes; hemos recibido aquilatar y apreciar los servicios que nos ha prestado y en alguna forma hemos de corresponderlo. Especialmente por el interesante viaje que hizo a Europa, en 1969, precisamente para esta operación.

Deseo informarle además, que ya se han impartido las instrucciones, confirmadas, de que nos están devolviendo por avión los ejemplares de dichos Fusiles, los cuales examinaremos para dar nuestra conformidad; llegarán dentro de las próximas (90) horas por avión.

Sobre este particular, esperamos sus prontas noticias para decisión final.

Inmediatamente recibamos los ejemplares que nos envían, le avisaré.

Como siempre, estamos trabajando con nuestro mayor esfuerzo por ofrecer las mayores economías a los fondos de nuestro Gobierno, a fin de que nuestra economía sea vulnerada lo menos posible, por lo menos en el capítulo que concierne a nuestro trabajo. Usted sabe que esta forma de trabajo es mi norma y mi único ideal.

En espera de sus prontas noticias le saluda,

Atentamente,

FELIPE ALFREDO REYES VILLANUEVA,

Coronel Piloto, F.A.D.

Intendente General del Material Bélico de las Fuerzas Armadas.

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